WHEREAS, in the Soviet Union men and women are denied freedoms recognized as basic by all civilized countries of the world and indeed by the Soviet Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, Jews and other religious minorities in the Soviet Union are being denied the means to exercise their religion and sustain their identity; and,

WHEREAS, the Government of the Soviet Union is persecuting Jewish citizens by denying them the same rights and privileges accorded other recognized religions in the Soviet Union and by discriminating against Jews in cultural activities and access to higher education; and,

WHEREAS, the right to freely emigrate, which is denied Soviet Jews who seek to maintain their identity by moving elsewhere, is a right affirmed by the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, adopted unanimously by the General Assembly of the United Nations; and,

WHEREAS, these infringements of human rights are an obstacle to the development of better understanding and better relations between the people of the United States and the people of the Soviet Union:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota that it is the sense of the people of the State of South Dakota that the President of the United States of America be memorialized to call upon the Soviet Government to permit the free exercise of religion by all its citizens in accordance with the Soviet Constitution, to end distrimination against religious minorities; permit its citizens to emigrate from the Soviet Union to the countries of their choice as affirmed by the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota in Pierre, the Capital City, this 7th day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-two.

Richard F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alma Larson

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE

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